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- (1) US Patent No. 4,859,922, Aug. 22, 1989, Tauchenitz et al.
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,060,272, Oct. 22, 1991, Suzuki
- (3) DE 37 22 752 C2, 23.5.90
- (4) GB 2 299 492, 02.10.1996
- (5) GB 2 301 002, 20.11.1996
- (6) German article in Tontechnik, "Tonmischpulte," 8.5.96

A copy of the above-cited references and the Search Report for the

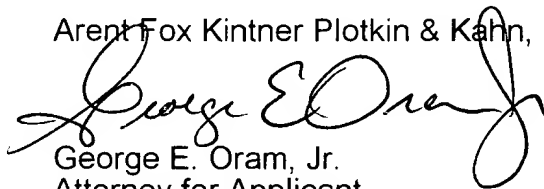
corresponding German application are attached hereto.

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